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SUBJ: BUREAU OF MINES TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR BRAZIL IN METALLURGY
 TECHNOLOGY

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND
ENERGY, PROFESSOR ARNALDO BARBALHO, HAS REQUESTED THE
EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE DEPARTMENT OF
INTERIOR'S APPROVAL FOR A VISIT TO RECIFE BY SEVERAL
BUREAU OF MINES METALLURGY SPECIALISTS.

2. MESSRS. LUIS SIQUEIRA AND VINICIUS GUERREIRO DE
LUCENA OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF PERNAMBUCO,
ACCORDING TO BARBALHO, HAVE VISITED THE BUREAU'S SALT
LAKE CITY METALLURGY RESEARCH CENTER AND ITS
FACILITY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SULFUR AND NA₂CO₃ FROM
GYPSUM AND LAKE SALT. THEY ALSO VISITED THE ELCOR
CHEMICAL COMPANY THERE.

3. THERE IS A DESIRE TO CONSTRUCT A SIMILAR, LABORATORY-
SIZED PLANT IN PERNAMBUCO. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE
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OF PERNAMBUCO IS WILLING TO PAY FOR TRAVEL TO RECIFE BY
BUREAU OF MINES EXPERTS, SUCH AS MR. WILLIAM I. NISSEU
AND MR. JOSEPH R. ROSENBAUM. THE EXPERTS WOULD PLAN AND
OBSERVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT. BARBALHO SAID
THAT FOLLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PLANT, THE STATE
GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO SEEK A PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION

TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PILOT INDUSTRIAL UNIT IN ORDER TO
TEST TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY ON AN INDUSTRIAL
SCALE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT IT BE INFORMED
BY TELEGRAM OF THE DEPT. OF INTERIOR'S APPROVAL (ASSUMING
IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED) OF TRAVEL BY METALLURGY CENTER PERSONNEL TO
RECIFE. FOLLOWING ADVICE OF THE APPROVAL,
THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF PERNAMBUCO WILL GET IN TOUCH
DIRECTLY WITH THE METALLURGY CENTER.

5. EMBASSY URGES A RAPID AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO
THIS REQUEST WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE FULLY IN
CONFORMANCE WITH US POST-AID TECHNICAL COOPERATION
POLICY.
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